

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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1. The 12 Artillery Regiment is quartered in the Gheorghiu-Dej Barracks, Calea Timisoara 23.
Commander: Lt. Colonel Avram Piguloiu

25X1 Strength: About 700 men

25X1 The regiment is divided into three sections of four batteries each. In 1 Section

25X1 each battery has four 122 mm Krupp howitzers; in 2 Section each battery has four

25X1 type M-31 122 mm howitzers; in 3 Section each battery has two type M-13 130 mm

25X1 rocket projectors and four 40 mm antiaircraft guns. Motorized with cars [REDACTED]

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25X1 Shoulder boards are red with black decoration. [REDACTED]

2. The 8 Infantry Regiment is quartered in the Ilie Pintilie Barracks, Strada Gavojdiei 109.

Commander: Colonel Bela Socaci

Strength: About 700 men

The regiment is divided into three battalions of three companies each, one artillery platoon, and one antitank platoon. Each company has four light machine guns, ZB-38 and two Colt type heavy machine guns. The artillery platoon has four Putilov 76.2 mm guns; the antitank platoon has four Simonov 14.5 antitank weapons. Horse-drawn.

25X1 Shoulder boards are decorated in red. [REDACTED]

3. The 15 Infantry Regiment is quartered in the Stefan Plavat Barracks, Strada Gavojdiei 111.

Commander: Colonel Marin Vaida

Strength: About 750 men

The regiment is divided into three battalions of three companies each, one artillery section, one communications platoon, and one engineer platoon. Each company has four Lewis light machine guns and two Sokolov heavy machine guns. The artillery section has four M-36 76.2 mm guns. Horse-drawn. Shoulder boards are black with

25X1 orange-red decoration. [REDACTED]

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4. The 7 Armored Regiment is quartered in the Tancul Rosu Barracks, Soseaua Slatinei 87.

Commander: Colonel Dragomir Barbulescu

Strength: About 450 men

The regiment is divided into three battalions of three companies each. In 1 Battalion each company has eight light armored cars, type BA-48; in 2 Battalion each company has eight T-26, model 1939 tanks; in 3 Battalion each company has six T-34 tanks. Shoulder boards are red with black decoration and a tank emblem.

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5. Caransebes is also the headquarters of the 7 Guards Brigade.

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